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SUBJ: MBFR: OPTION III: PARA 16 OF THE POSITION PAPER: SPC

MEETING NOVEMBER 3

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1. AT NOVEMBER 3 SPC MEETING, UK REP (BAILES) SAID LONDON HAD WELCOMED THE COMMENTS MADE BY US REP AT PREVIOUS MEETING ON HOW US SEES FLEXIBILITY ALLOWANCE ON US/SOVIET FORCES (REFTEL). HOWEVER, UK WONDERED WHY US HAD NOT INSERTED THIS THINKING INTO PARA 16 OF THE OPTION III POSITION PAPER. US REP (MOORE) SAID THIS WAS UNDOUBTEDLY BECAUSE THE ALLIES HAVE TIME TO CONSIDER DETAILS SUCH AS THIS, AND DO NOT NEED TO REGISTER THEM AT THIS POINT IN THE POSITION PAPER. UK REP SAID LONDON AGREED THAT THE ALLIES HAD A GOOD EAL OF TIME TO CONSIDER THE DETAILS OF FLEXIBILITY MARGINS. SHE THOUGHT IT MIGHT HELP THE UK ACCEPT PARA 16 OF THE POSITION PAPER IF IT
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WERE LESS CATEGORICAL ON THIS QUESTION, E.G. IF THE SENTENCE "A LIMITED ADEQUATE INCREASE WOULD SIMILARLY BE PERMITTED US AND SOVIET GROUND FORCES FOLLOWING REDUCTIONS" WERE REPLACED BY SOMETHING LIKE "A LIMITED ADEQUATE INCREASE FOR

US AND SOVIET GROUND FORCES FOLLOWING REDUCTIONS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED".

2. COMMENT: WE SEE MERIT IN UK REP'S SUGGESTION. PARA 16 OF THE POSITION PAPER AS PRESENTLY DRAFTED WOULD REPRESENT ALLIED AGREEMENT THAT THERE WOULD BE A FLEXIBILITY MARGIN FOR US AND SOVIETS, AND THIS WOULD PREJUDICE CONCLUSION OF MBFR WORKING GROUP STUDY ON THIS QUESTION. THE SIMPLEST COURSE FOR OBTAINING ALLIED AGREEMENT ON PARA 16 OF THE POSITION PAPER WOULD APPEAR TO BE TO LEAVE THIS ISSUE OPEN.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: IN TIME FOR SPC MEETING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6: GUIDANCE ON UK REP'S SUGGESTION IN PARA 1 ABOVE, IN LIGHT OF COMMENT IN PARA 2 ABOVE. STREATOR

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